

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen Meeting
Council Chambers - 10 N. Bemiston Avenue
March 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor Goldstein called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Alex Berger, Steve Lichtenfeld, Michelle Harris, Andrea Maddox-Dallas and Cynthia Garnholz

Mayor Goldstein
City Manager Owens
City Attorney O'Keefe

Absent: Judy Goodman

Mayor Goldstein asked for any questions or comments relating to the February 22, 2011 minutes, which were previously provided to the Board.

Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to approve the February 22, 2011 minutes. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

None

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

City Manager Owens reported that the City received good news on the audit report as previously shown during the presentation from Hochschild Bloom & Company on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

City Manager Owens announced that the City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for FY2009 from the Government Finance Officers Association. He reminded the Board that this is the City's 23rd award which is nothing to be taken for granted and is an achievement that many governments are not able to accomplish. This achievement continues to show the City's strength and assurance to the public and to others who do business with the City on how well the City is managed. He commended Don Yucuis and his staff for their hard work in leading the City in its commitment to accomplish this recognition.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGREEMENT FOR THE CBD PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

City Manager Owens reported that in October 2010, the City of Clayton applied for a grant from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for improvements to enhance the pedestrian environment and accessibility in the City of Clayton along Bonhomme Avenue, S. Central Avenue, S. Meramec Avenue, and Shaw Park Drive. The project qualified for funding through the Surface Transportation Program-Enhancement. The City recently received notification that this project has been approved for funding by East-West Gateway. Seventy-seven percent of the project (\$1,672,314) will be funded through their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with twenty percent funded by the City (\$513,353), and three percent funded by an escrow which was previously established by Heartland Bank (\$76,220).

The project will expand the Downtown Clayton streetscape (sidewalks, streetlights, irrigation, tree grates, brick banding, etc.) along the following areas:

- South side of Bonhomme Avenue from Brentwood Boulevard to Bemiston Avenue
- East side of S. Central Avenue from Bonhomme Avenue to Shaw Park Drive
- West side of S. Central Avenue from Bonhomme Avenue to the Transit Center
- East side of S. Meramec Avenue from Bonhomme Avenue to the Transit Center
- North side of Shaw Park Drive from Brentwood Boulevard toward S. Meramec Avenue (the eastern half of this block has already been completed)

The Missouri Department of Transportation has provided this agreement, which the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will not approve if modified in any way.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the funding of the CBD Pedestrian Enhancements Project.

Alderman Berger introduced Bill No. 6255, approval of a grant agreement with MoDOT for the pedestrian enhancement project to be considered for the first time to be read by title only. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6255, consideration of a grant agreement with MoDOT for the pedestrian enhancement project by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Berger introduced Bill No. 6255, approval of a grant agreement with MoDOT for the pedestrian enhancement project to be considered for the second time to be read by title only. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6255 for the second time. Alderman Berger – Aye; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Harris– Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6141 of the City of Clayton.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGREEMENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN CLAYTON INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PROJECT

City Manager Owens reported that in October 2010, the City of Clayton applied for a grant from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for the improvement of the traffic signal system. The project qualified for funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program. The City recently received notification that this project has been approved for funding by East-West Gateway. Eighty percent of the project (\$279,412) will be funded through their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with the remaining twenty percent funded by the City (\$59,375), MoDOT (\$5,837), and Ladue (\$4,642). MoDOT and Ladue agreed to co-sponsor the project, as it will improve the signals at Maryland Avenue and Hunter Avenue (Ladue) and at Maryland Avenue and I-170 (MoDOT).

The backbone of the project is the installation of wireless in-pavement sensors, which will replace the traditional magnetic induction loops. While the loops are often damaged by utility breaks and construction, the wireless sensors are approximately three inches in diameter, and can easily be removed and reused. A trial installation has been functioning at the intersection of Forsyth Boulevard and Jackson Avenue since early 2008. In addition to providing detection for signals, wireless sensors will be installed for the purpose of providing continuous traffic counts. Rather than installing temporary pneumatic tubes to count traffic volumes, the wireless sensors will count traffic year-round. The final component of the project is the re-optimization of the City's traffic signal network based upon these traffic counts. This will reduce delays, overall travel times, and emissions.

The Missouri Department of Transportation has provided this agreement, which the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will not approve if modified in any way.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the funding of improvements to the Downtown Clayton Intelligent Transportation System.

Alderman Berger introduced Bill No. 6256, approval of a grant agreement with MoDOT for the traffic signal improvement project to be considered for the first time to be read by title only. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6256, to consider approving a grant agreement with MoDOT for the traffic signal improvement project by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Berger introduced Bill No. 6256, approval of a grant agreement with MoDOT for the traffic signal improvement project to be considered for the second time to be read by title only. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6256 for the second time. Alderman Berger – Aye; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Harris– Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6142 of the City of Clayton.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CITY'S FY 2010 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Owens reported that Tammy Alsop, Partner, with Hochschild Bloom LLC, the City of Clayton auditors, presented summary information during the discussion session this evening

regarding the September 30, 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Management Letter comments and Auditor Communications. As the City did not expend over \$500,000 in Federal funds during the past fiscal year, the City was not required to issue a Single Audit. The FY 2010 CAFR is available for public viewing on the City of Clayton website under the Finance Department area.

Recommendation is to approve a motion to accept the City's September 30, 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Alderman Berger moved to accept the September 30, 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Alderman Lichtenfeld seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Other

Mayor Goldstein announced that she is scheduled to be interviewed tomorrow by Michelle Esswein, KLOU 103.3, about jobs in Clayton. She said that the City has some great news to share about some of the major employers, especially Centene, Enterprise, Furniture Brands and some of the others who have brought a lot of jobs to the community.

The Board congratulated Don Yucuis on his new job and commended his professionalism during his time with the City and expressed that they will miss him greatly.

Alderman Berger also commented and acknowledged the Police Department on their professionalism and great work that they continuously perform.

Alderman Harris thanked everyone for the Board and staff's support for the Clayton Century Foundation. She said that they are finally on the map with receiving two significant donations to the organization.

Mayor Goldstein acknowledged the Century Foundation's great work.

City Manager Owens commended Don Yucuis on the good job that he has provided the City with over during his years of service and commented that Don has committed to being here until July 18th in order to work with the staff during the budget process and transition.

City Manager Owens announced that Chief Byrne is absent tonight because he is awaiting the arrival of his second grandchild.

City Manager Owens referenced the earlier grant agreements that the Board approved and said that it isn't common, easy, or so successful to receive grants, but Steve Meyer, Mike Pratt and his team have done a great job to get them which is a competitive process. He said that the projects were investments that the City would have had to make regardless of getting the grants.

Alderman Garnholz moved that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting, with a closed vote and record, as authorized by Section 610.021(1), (2) and (3) Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to legal issues, real estate and/or personnel, and to discuss matters related to negotiation of a contract pursuant to Section 610.021(12), RSMo. and/or proprietary information pursuant to Sec. 610.021(15). Alderman Harris seconded the motion. The

motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote cast as follows: Alderman Berger – Aye; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk